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REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of July 13, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 16 - 30 have been examined. These have been rejected as follows: (1) Claims 16 - 30 as indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph because of the reliance on the designation "and/or" in claims 16 and 25 and because claim 27 is unclear; (2) Claims 16 - 21 and 25 as anticipated by Kruse et al under 35 USC 102(b); and (3) Claims 22 - 24 as unpatentable over Kruse et al in view of Ion Industrial under 35 USC 103(a).

As to (1), claims 16, 25 and 27 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. As to (2) and (3), it is respectfully submitted that neither Kruse et al nor Ion Industrial provide a teaching which would anticipate or render obvious claims 16 - 25. Nevertheless, claims 16 and 25 have been further amended to recite that the system components (I,O,F,D,V and IX) are implemented in the form of code-modules which are program code and can run on the central computer 1. This recitation achieves the objective of the present invention, i.e., a managements sytem which can dynamically connect system components to adapt the functionality of the measuring device. Please see page 4, beginning on line 23.

Neither reference contains a disclosure which even approaches the distinction noted above.

Finally, it is noted that the title of the invention has been changed as suggested by the examiner and a replacement sheet of drawing is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 16 - 30 found allowable.

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